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Q: WOULD YOU PROVIDE US WITH AN UPDATE ON RWANDAN
REFUGEES?

THERE ARE AN ESTIMATED 2.1 MILLION RWANDAN REFUGEES IN
NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES:

ZAIRE: 1.5 MILLION:

1,000,000 IN NORTH KIVU (GOMA AREA)

500,000 IN SOUTH KIVU

BURUNDI: 210,000

TANZANIA: 468,000

UGANDA: 10,500

ABOUT 40,000 REFUGEES FROM SOMA HAVE CROSSED BACK INTO
RWANDA SINCE THE BORDER WAS REOPENED LAST SUNDAY.

INSIDE RWANDA, AN ESTIMATED 90,000 PEOPLE ARE REPORTED TO
HAVE LEFT THE FRENCH SAFE ZONE AND RETURNED TO THEIR HOME

Q: WHAT IS THE HEALTH SITUATION OF THE REFUGEES IN GOMA?

A: THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES HAVE ALREADY DIED FROM CHOLERA,
HUNGER, EXHAUSTION, AND DEHYDRATION, AND CONTINUE TO DO
THE U.S. CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL HAS SENT A TEAM OF
DOCTORS TO THE AREA TO HELP UNHCR WITH THE CHOLERA
EPIDEMIC.

THE NEED FOR CLEAN WATER IS STILL VERY CRITICAL. ABOUT
80,000 GALLONS OF FRESH WATER ARE NOW BEING PRODUCED A

MORE WATER PURIFICATION UNITS FROM THE UNITED STATES AND
GERMANY ARE ON THEIR WAY.

ACCORDING TO UNHCR (UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR
REFUGEES), THE MINIMUM WATER REQUIREMENT PER PERSON IN
GOMA IS ONE GALLON PER DAY.

Q: WHAT IS THE U.S. DOING TO HELP?

A: THE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED ON JULY 22 AN IMMEDIATE AND
MASSIVE INCREASE IN OUR RESPONSE TO THE CRISIS IN RWANDA
TO BE DIRECTED FROM THE WHITE HOUSE.

THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN AT THE FOREFRONT IN PROVIDING
HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE SINCE THE RWANDA CRISIS BEGAN IN
APRIL 1994.

OUR TOTAL CONTRIBUTION NOW STANDS AT OVER DOLLARS 50
MILLION, MAKING THE UNITED STATES THE LARGEST SINGLE
GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTOR OF AID.

THIS INCLUDES FUNDING FOR UNHCR, WORLD FOOD PROGRAM, A

OTHER INTERNATIONAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS;

AND PROVIDES FOOD COMMODITIES, MEDICAL AND RELIEF
SUPPLIES, LOGISTICAL SERVICES AND AIRLIFT SUPPORT

ADDITIONAL FUNDING AND IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS ARE BEING
SOUGHT.

Q: WHAT INFORMATION DO YOU HAVE ABOUT A UN APPEALS AND
PLEDGING CONFERENCE?

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A: THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES (UNHCR) IS COORDINATING THE INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE TO THE CRISIS.

A UNITED NATIONS INTERAGENCY APPEAL ON RWANDA WAS LAUNCHED IN NEW YORK AND GENEVA LAST FRIDAY.

A PLEDGING CONFERENCE TO SEEK DONOR SUPPORT FOR URGENTLY NEEDED RESOURCES FOR THE RWANDA CRISIS WILL BE HELD IN GENEVA ON AUGUST 2.

ASIDE FROM THE UNHCR TEAM IN GOMA, THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC), WORLD FOOD PROGRAM (WFP), AND A NUMBER OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGOS) ARE WORKING TO HELP THE RWANDAN REFUGEES IN ZAIRE AND NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES.

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